



# Powell Valley Electric Cooperative News



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## POWELL VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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All Inquiries: (423) 733-2207

Calls to all PVEC locations will be answered by emergency operators after office hours, on weekends & holidays.

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*Powell Valley Electric Cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

## The future is now

Not too long ago, I was talking with one of my four young boys about their favorite topic — baseball.

As I began telling them a story about how I had played the game, I was quickly interrupted by my chuckling son William. “Dad, that happened sooooo long ago. It’s all different now.” While he didn’t intend to be rude, he did demonstrate a truth about our modern life. As a society, we are very focused on the here and now and less focused on lessons learned through experience.

So, I decided that day was not a good time to share one of my favorite quotes with Will. It was recorded nearly 2,500 years ago by a man named Heraclitus. He lived in Ephesus, the same town to which the apostle Paul would write a letter 500 years later. The same letter to the Ephesians that many of us read still today. Even though he predated that pivotal time in history, Heraclitus understood something wise when he stated that “the only thing constant in life is change.”

Your cooperative is no different, and I’m excited to share with you that the coming months will be a time of change as well. For years, you have seen the face of Randell Meyers on this page. Randell began his career at Powell Valley in 1964. Beginning his career as a laborer, Randell learned the important and dangerous tasks involved with working as an electric lineman. And he was one of the best linemen in the country.

Over the years, Randell’s position at the co-op grew more responsible until 1992 (I was just in the eighth grade!) when he was named the co-op’s general manager. In my opinion, his history at PVEC is an example of the great American success story. A willingness to work hard, start at the bottom, work your way up, and demonstrate dedication and loyalty to one’s employer ultimately resulted in

personal and professional success. There is no doubt that his career is an example to many.

Over the past few weeks, Randell Meyers has announced his retirement. He can be proud to leave behind a co-op that provides the electric service we all rely upon for our daily lives, and keeps the lights on reliably despite wind, rain, sleet, snow, storms, or even the squirrels that can so frequently cause a power outage. And I hope he is most proud that the cooperative has worked tirelessly to keep that energy as affordable as possible, understanding that many among us struggle to pay their bills.

I have been asked to serve as the interim CEO of Powell Valley, and will help the cooperative search for a new leader who will chart the course for the next 20 years. Having worked with electric cooperatives across the country, I recognize the important role a co-op plays in our communities. And one thing I know for certain, the work that Powell Valley performs today will change in the years to come. What will not change is our dedication to serving you.

So let’s celebrate these changes and recognize the endless opportunities that are ahead. If you’ve never attended the co-op’s annual meeting, I encourage you to join me on Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. at Hancock County High School in Sneedville, Tennessee. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a bite to eat and time to visit with your neighbors, elect members of the Board of Directors, take advantage of a free health fair, and hear reports about the operations of your cooperative. Participate in running your co-op. And if you’ve been coming for years, thank you and welcome back.

— Mike Knotts

# Annual Meeting — Saturday, Sept. 15

Powell Valley Electric's annual meeting will be here soon! This year's annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, at Hancock County High School, 2700 Main Street, Sneedville, Tennessee. Registration will open at 9 a.m., and entertainment featuring a great bluegrass group, Tennessee 90, will begin at 10 a.m.

There will be something for everyone at this year's annual meeting. You will have the opportunity to take advantage of a free health fair, take a ride in a cooperative bucket truck, hear reports about the operations of your cooperative, and enjoy a delicious free lunch. There will be activities for the children, and cooperative

members will have a chance to take home a great door prize!

On behalf of the directors, management, and employees of Powell Valley Electric, we invite you to mark your calendars and plan to join us as we celebrate the cooperative's 80 years of service to our community — we look forward to seeing you there!



Tennessee 90 provides entertainment.



Above, from left: Scenes from past annual meetings.



## Annual Meeting Order of Business

1. Report on number of members present.
2. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof, or the waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be.
3. Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
4. Presentation and consideration of, and acting upon, reports of officers, directors and committees.
5. Election of directors.
  - a. Report of Committee on Nominations.  
Pursuant to the Bylaws, the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations. This Committee has met and nominated the following members for your consideration:  
District 2 — Roger Ball  
District 7 — Mike Shockley  
District 8 — David Kindle
  - b. Report on nomination by petition.  
The following nominations were made by petition:  
District 2 — Jeffrey Lewis  
District 7 — William Kornrich  
District 8 — Coleen Zahnke
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Prizes.
9. Adjournment.

/s/ Judith Robertson, Secretary

\*Any customer with special needs, i.e., ramp for access by wheelchair, etc., at the annual meeting location, please notify the cooperative at (423) 626-5204.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**  
**POWELL VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**SEPT. 15, 2018**  
**HANCOCK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**SNEEDVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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| 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Registration   |
| 10 a.m.         | Entertainment by Tennessee 90  |
| 11 a.m.         | Call to Order — Roger Ball, President<br>Invocation<br>Reports<br>Introduction of Guests |
| 11:45 a.m.      | Lunch<br>Entertainment by Tennessee 90   |
| 1 p.m.          | Business Session — Roger Ball, President   |

# Sneedville Area Supervisor Joey Southern shares safety tips



You teach your children not to mix water and electricity in the bathroom, kitchen and laundry room. But when a late summer rain storm knocks power lines down outdoors, do they know to stay far away from them?

Here's what your family needs to know:

- If someone nearby comes into contact with electricity, do not touch that person or anything the person is touching. Instead, call 911. If the source of electricity is an appliance, grab the plug — not the cord — and pull it out of the outlet. If you cannot safely remove the plug, turn off the power at the fuse or circuit breaker.
- If an electric wire falls on your car, do not get out of the car. You are safe inside your vehicle because your tires are conductors of electricity. They can keep you safe in your car because electricity seeks the quickest path to the ground — through the outside of the car, through the tires and into the ground.
- Not all power lines are insulated, so they are never safe to touch. When a wire falls to the ground, it may still be live, even if you don't see sparks. Call 911 and your electric cooperative if you see a downed wire. Warn others to keep their distance.
- Wood is a poor conductor of electricity, but it is still a conductor, especially when wet. Do not use a wooden ladder near a power line. If a ladder begins to fall into a power line, don't grab it. Let it fall and call your electric cooperative.
- Only pure rubber is an insulator and most household products aren't pure rubber. Don't try to handle electric emergencies at home, even when you're wearing rubber gloves or shoes.

## Local Spotlight: Lee County, Virginia



Lee County is the westernmost county in the U.S. commonwealth of Virginia. The county was formed from Russell County in 1792. Lee County is named for Light Horse Harry Lee, the governor of Virginia from 1791 to 1794. The county seat is Jonesville and Pennington Gap is the most populated town in Lee County. Some attractions located in Lee County include the White Rocks, Powell Mountain Overlook, Stone Face Rock and Lake Keokee. Lee County also shares Cumberland Gap National Historical Park with Kentucky and Tennessee.

Source: [ilovelee.org](http://ilovelee.org)

## What's a-Cooking?

Frankie Garrett from the Jonesville office gladly shares his recipe for Cheeseburger Casserole. Frankie has worked at the Cooperative since 1975.

### Ingredients:

- 1 ½ lbs. ground beef
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 (8-oz.) can tomato soup
- 2 cans Pillsbury small biscuits
- Velveeta cheese slices

### Directions:

Brown beef and onion in skillet; drain fat. Stir in soup. Pour into shallow baking dish. Layer with cheese. Top with biscuits. Bake as directed on biscuit can.



## Holiday Closing Notice

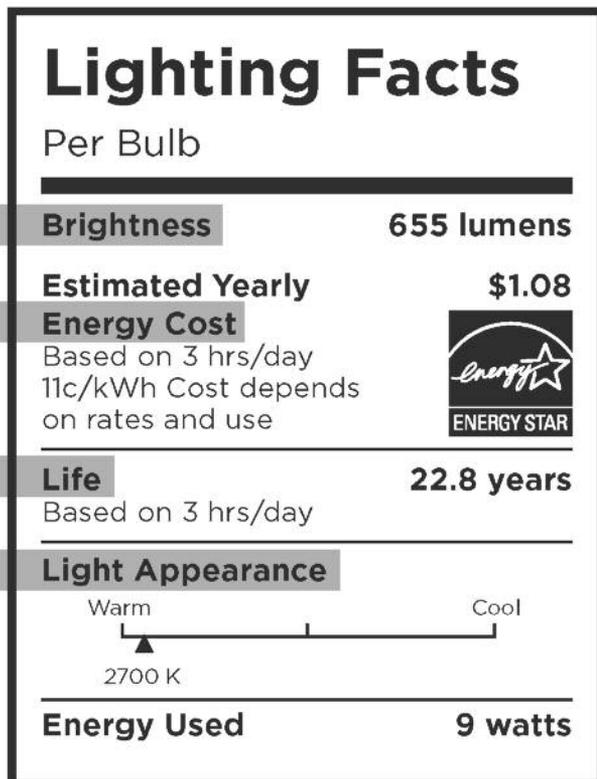
Powell Valley Electric Cooperative offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day.

As always, cooperative dispatchers will be on duty to answer your emergency calls.

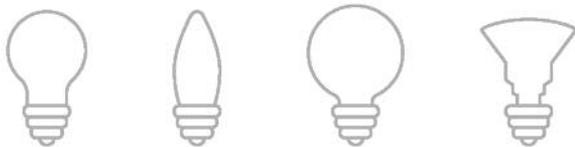
Have a happy and safe holiday!

# Lighting Labels and Lingo

These days, consumers have endless options when it comes to purchasing light bulbs, but the labels can be confusing! Use the information below as a helpful guide for browsing bulbs.



Source: U.S. Department of Energy



## Read the Label

Under the Energy Labeling Rule, all light bulb manufacturers are required to give consumers key, easy-to-understand information on bulb efficiency. Take advantage of the Lighting Facts label, which gives you the information you need to buy the most energy-efficient bulb to meet your lighting needs. The label includes information on the bulb's brightness, energy cost, life, light appearance and energy used (wattage).

## Save Energy

Bulbs are available in **many shapes and sizes** to fit your home's needs. Choosing more efficient bulbs can help reduce energy consumption and save you money!

- LEDs use 25%-30% of the energy and last eight to 25 times longer than halogen incandescent bulbs.
- Purchase ENERGY STAR-rated bulbs to maximize energy efficiency.

## Buy Lumens, not Watts

Lumens measure the amount of light produced by the bulb. Watts measure energy consumption.

*Tip: To replace a 100-watt incandescent bulb, look for a bulb that produces about 1,600 lumens.*

